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RE:

Notice of Intent for Partial Deletion at the Peterson/Puritan, Inc. Superfund Site, Operable Unit 2, Cumberland, Rhode Island

Dear Ms. Studlien:

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) has completed its review of the Notice of Intent for Partial Deletion (NOIPD) for the area of the Peterson/Puritan, Inc. Superfund Site (the Site) known as the Berkeley Common and River Run Developments, owned by Macklands Realty, Inc. and Berkeley Realty Co., respectively. The purpose of this letter is to express the State of Rhode Island's concurrence with this action.

Our concurrence is based upon all aspects of the NOIPD being implemented as stated in the document. The only issue that should be noted is that the State has the right to request response actions at the Site in the future if determined to be necessary for the protection of human health and the environment. Assuming the threat is due to contaminants or issues regulated under the Superfund program, it is our understanding that the EPA will support such actions.

Finally, as mentioned in our ROD concurrence letter, the EPA's actions at this Site do not prohibit us from carrying out activities under State authority, should any future situation warrant such actions.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to work with your Agency on this milestone in the Superfund process. RIDEM looks forward to continuing our productive working relationship with your Agency as we move forward towards clean-up and beneficial reuse of our Superfund Sites.

Sincerely,

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